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1. WE BELIEVE THAT REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING
TROOPS FOR UN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES SHOULD COVER THE
JUSTIFIABLE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SUCH
OPERATIONS. AS ACTUAL ADDITIONAL COSTS PER MAN VARY DE-
PENDING UPON THE PARTICULAR MEMBER STATE PROVIDING THE
TROOPS, THERE IS AN INNATE DIFFICULTY IN ESTABLISHING A
STANDARD REIMBURSEMENT RATE WHICH WILL NOT BE EITHER TOO
HIGH OR TOO LOW FOR ONE OR ANOTHER MEMBER COUNTRY.

2. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE UN'S REQUIREMENT TO MAKE
APPROPRIATE AND PROPER REIMBURSEMENTS, WE MUST ALSO BE
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MINDFUL THAT WINDFALL BENEFITS FROM EXCESSIVE REIMBURSEMENT
ARE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE AND COULD CAST DOUBT ON THE INTEGRITY

OF THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION ITSELF. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE
U.S. MISSION THEREFORE TO CONTINUE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO
ASSURE THAT PROPOSED INCREASED LEVEL OF TROOP REIMBURSEMENT
IS CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY REVIEWED WITHIN THE ACABQ.

3. WE ARE REMINDED (REFTEL) THAT THE USSR DELEGATE WAS ONE OF THOSE TO CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS DURING THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DEBATE AT THE 31ST GA. HOWEVER, REFTEL ALSO NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH INVITED, THE USSR REP WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE JUNE 28 MEETING CALLED BY DEBATIN WITH FIFTH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN OF ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE USSR MIGHT BE ESTABLISHING A POSITION WHEREBY IT COULD WITHHOLD FUNDS FOR COSTS RELATED TO INCREASES IN REIMBURSEMENT TO TROOP-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES. YOU SHOULD NOT OF COURSE RAISE

THIS ASPECT WITH SOVIET OR OTHER MISSIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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